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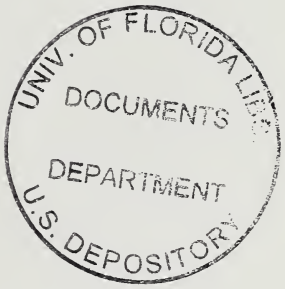

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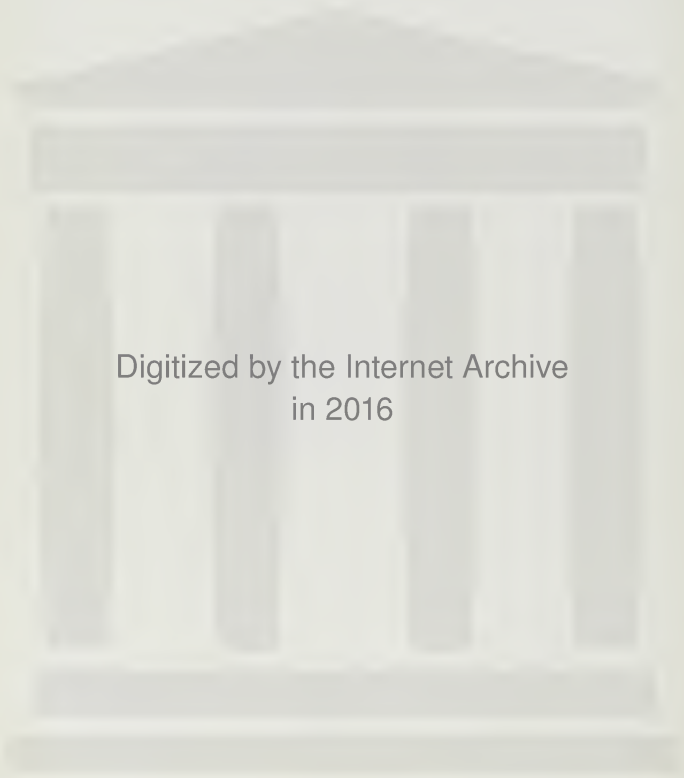
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Biography

Spessard Lindsey Holland was born in Bartow, Polk County, Fla., July 10, 1892; attended the public schools; was graduated from Emory College (now Emory University) near Atlanta, Ga., in 1912 and from the University of Florida College of Law at Gainesville in 1916; taught in public schools of Warrenton, Ga., 1912–14; was admitted to the bar in 1916 and commenced practice in Bartow, Fla.; during the First World War served in the Coast Artillery Corps, U.S. Army, all grades through captain and as aerial observer, 24th Squadron, Army Air Corps, in France from March 1918 to January 1919; awarded the Distinguished Service Cross; prosecuting attorney of Polk County, Fla., in 1919 and 1920; county judge of Polk County 1921–29; member of the Florida State Senate 1932–40; Governor of Florida 1941–45; trustee of Southern College 1932–35; trustee of Emory University 1943–46; appointed as a Democrat to the United States Senate on September 25, 1946, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Charles O. Andrews for the term ending January 3, 1947; elected in 1946, 1952, 1958, and again in 1964 for the term ending January 3, 1971; was not a candidate for reelection in 1970; retired and resided in Bartow, Fla., where he died November 6, 1971; interment in Wildwood Cemetery.

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Proceedings in the Senate

MONDAY, *November 8, 1971.*

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, I have received the following telegram from Mrs. Spessard Holland:

> I am saddened to inform you and the Congress that my beloved husband and your former colleague, SPESSARD LINDSEY HOLLAND, died November 6. Services will be held at the First United Methodist Church, Bartow, Fla., at 4 p.m. Monday, November 8.
>
> MARY HOLLAND.

Mr. President, may I say that the Senate has missed deeply the outstanding service of the distinguished former Senator from Florida, SPESSARD HOLLAND, since his voluntary retirement and his return home.

His loss will be even more deeply felt, now that he has passed to his just reward.

SPESSARD HOLLAND was a man of integrity, unstinting patriotism, and dedication to duty. He was a man who represented his State with great distinction, a man who was a U.S. Senator in the best meaning of that term.

To Mary Holland, to her family, and to the friends of our late colleague, SPESSARD HOLLAND, I wish to extend, on behalf of the Senate, our deepest condolences and to say that Mrs. Mansfield and I hope and pray that his soul will rest in peace. He has earned his reward many times over.

Mr. SCOTT. Mr. President, I join with the distinguished majority leader in expressing our sadness at the passing of our recent and well beloved colleague, the former Senator from Florida, SPESSARD HOLLAND.

He was a man whom we all honored and respected. We grieve with the family in this tragic loss.

Mr. President, I shall have more to say at a later time, and yield back the remainder of my time.

Mr. GURNEY. Mr. President, the State of Florida and we here in the U.S. Senate were profoundly saddened to learn this weekend of the death of a great former Member of the Senate and a man whom I considered my personal friend, the Honorable SPESSARD L. HOLLAND, former U.S. Senator from the State of Florida.

Senator HOLLAND served at every level and in every branch of government, from county prosecutor, to judge, to a member of the State of Florida's legislature, to Governor of the State of Florida, to U.S. Senator.

In every aspect of a lifetime of public service he served with distinction. Indeed, in every endeavor he undertook he served with distinction: whether it was his performance as a flyer during World War I, which resulted in his being awarded the Distinguished Service Cross by General Pershing; or whether it was his performance during his collegiate days when he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa for high scholastic achievement and recognized as a star athlete earning him many letters in varsity sports activities, and an offer to play big league professional baseball.

His long fascination and concern with the protection of Florida wildlife places future generations of Americans in his debt. While Governor of Florida, SPESSARD HOLLAND established the game and fresh water fish commission which has done much in preserving Florida's environment on the State level.

He was the father of the Everglades National Park, responsible for its first acquisition by the State of Florida, then turning it over to the Federal Government for a national park.

He was a leader in the legislative process and best known for his authorship of the amendment which abolished the poll tax.

This good man, this man of quiet power, who carried his abilities, leadership, and power in the most courtly of manner is no longer with us, and all of us in Florida, and all of us in the Senate Chamber, and all of us in this country are the poorer for it.

We mourn his passing, but we rejoice in recognizing and honoring his splendid life of public service which gave so much to his State and Nation.

Our hearts go out to his wonderful wife, Mary, who was a most important part of his great life. They were indeed partners in public service in the finest tradition of American politics and government.

Mr. BYRD of West Virginia. Mr. President, I am greatly distressed to learn of the death of a beloved former Member of the Senate, SPESSARD L. HOLLAND, of Florida. I have a very deep spot in my heart for Senator HOLLAND. I greatly enjoyed my close association with him during the time we served together in this body. He was, in my judgment, an outstanding Senator. I never met a more fair-minded individual, one more dedicated or more conscientious in serving the people than SPESSARD HOLLAND. He has been missed in the Senate since he voluntarily retired at the beginning of this year. He will be missed not only by his former colleagues but also by his many friends as a result of his death yesterday.

Mr. ELLENDER. Mr. President, for many years I counted among my closest friends in the Senate SPESSARD LINDSEY HOLLAND. I always looked upon him as one of the Senate's most intelligent, dedicated, and steadfast Members.

Senator HOLLAND was known as a friend of Florida, a friend of the South, and a friend of American agriculture. It was my pleasure and privilege to serve with him on two of the Senate's most important committees—the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry and the Committee on Appropriations. By close association with him and by work on a day-to-day basis, I came to admire Senator HOLLAND and to appreciate the judgment of the people of Florida for sending him to represent them in Washington for so long a period.

Senator HOLLAND first joined the Senate in September of 1946 and gave us the benefit of his wisdom and judgment until his decision to retire January 3, 1971. It was a wisdom and judgment amassed throughout a lifetime of public service to the people of his State and Nation. For that reason, I can give assurance that his opinions were valued highly by those of us privileged to serve with him, and he was known always as one of the Senate's most effective Members.

Seventy-nine years ago he was born in the small town of Bartow, Fla. During his career he served as a schoolteacher, practicing lawyer,

prosecuting attorney, and county judge until his election in 1932 to the Florida State Senate. There he served two terms, leaving in 1940 to take a step up the ladder into the governorship of Florida. His record in the Florida legislature and as Governor is still remembered for his interest and effective work in Florida education.

This was an interest he maintained throughout his life, I might add, serving as trustee and on the governing bodies of several of the State's well-known institutions of higher learning.

In the U.S. Senate, Senator HOLLAND rose to the position of ranking member of the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, where it was my privilege to serve as chairman during much of his tenure. On the Appropriations Committee, he rose to the chairmanship of the subcommittee having a primary responsibility for agriculture programs and agriculture-related policies.

Throughout his service in these areas, his activities were marked by a consistent desire to serve the American farmer and the American consumer. I can state without qualification that he performed this task extremely well. Each year he sought to produce legislation in the Agriculture Committee and push forward policies through his position on appropriations that would inure to the benefit of agriculture and the Nation as a whole. I was able to join him in many of these efforts and I sincerely believe that the Nation is better off today for the work that he performed so well and so ably.

He and I worked together hand in hand for the protection and preservation of our two most important resources—land and water. I am certain that today he would be the first to admit that much remains to be done. It is my hope and desire, as well as ambition, to carry forward from where we left off

Senator HOLLAND also provided much of the spark and much of the leadership that assisted the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to begin and continue its work. He had an advanced insight into what this effort would mean for future generations. He foresaw the importance that this Nation's reaching out for the stars and planets would hold for us. I believe his judgment has again proved correct and his faith will be justified and amply vindicated in the years ahead.

I would like to close on that note. I believe that SPESSARD HOLLAND was a man of the future, with his feet firmly planted in the

present, and with the needs that must be met today to improve our people's way of life. The policies that he and I both believed in and worked for will go forward far beyond the present. There is an old saying that all anyone can work for in this world is to "leave the woodpile a little higher." The contributions of Senator HOLLAND will leave our people much better prepared for the winter times ahead and better able to enjoy the spring times that surely follow.

I extend my condolences to his beloved wife, Mary. In her bereavement she should find much solace because her beloved husband shared the friendship and respect of thousands of Americans.

Mr. TALMADGE. Mr. President, I am saddened by the passing of my good friend SPESSARD HOLLAND, the late distinguished Senator from Florida.

It was my pleasure to know and work with Senator HOLLAND for some 30 years. Our warm association went back to the time when he was elected Governor of Florida, after a distinguished career in the State senate.

We almost proudly claimed SPESSARD HOLLAND as a Georgian. His father was born in Carroll County, Ga., and Senator HOLLAND graduated magna cum laude from Emory College, at Oxford, Ga. He served as a trustee of Emory University in Atlanta. His first position after graduation from college was in Warrenton, Ga., as a schoolteacher. So SPESSARD HOLLAND'S roots went deep in Georgia. I am proud to count him as one of my warmest longtime friends, and many, many Georgians will long honor his memory.

It was my privilege, before his retirement from the Senate, to serve on the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry with Senator HOLLAND for 14 years. He was one of the ablest Senators I have ever known, and one of the hardest working. He was on the floor of the Senate more than any other Member, except the leadership.

Senator HOLLAND tirelessly dedicated himself to service to his Nation and the State of Florida. He distinguished himself in the Senate as a man of great courage and conviction on all legislative issues. His devotion to duty in the Senate over the years characterized him as a champion of the strength, security, and well-being of the United States and all its citizens. Senator HOLLAND was a source of inspiration and leadership to us all.

I will dearly miss my good friend, and Mrs. Talmadge joins me in extending our deep, heartfelt sympathy to the late Senator's family.

Mr. LONG. Mr. President, we are saddened at the news of the death Saturday of our beloved colleague, SPESSARD HOLLAND, who retired from this body last year on the advice of his doctors.

Mercifully, Senator HOLLAND passed away in his sleep. It is the peaceful death that all of us would have asked for such a fine man, who served here with us for 24 years.

SPESSARD HOLLAND exemplified what we southerners like to regard as a true gentleman. No one ever questioned his honesty, courage, diligence to duty or his sincerity during his years of service here.

Mr. President, he acquired the reputation of a conservative in the best definition of the word—one who would preserve the better things of the existing order. His efforts here, to a considerable degree, helped save for this Government its first fundamental—the right of the people to govern themselves.

SPESSARD HOLLAND understood the right of self-government and fought to keep the Federal Government from stripping away from the States the powers vested to them.

The theory of judicial usurpation of the States powers was repugnant to SPESSARD HOLLAND, who believed that political sovereignty trickled up to the Federal Government through the cities and States and not down to the people from here.

As a result, Mr. President, SPESSARD HOLLAND led the battle that restored to the States the submerged lands within their historic boundaries. This was more than an act to vest title to submerged lands. It was an act to restore sovereignty to the people of America.

From the day he arrived in this body in 1948, SPESSARD HOLLAND fought for repeal of the poll tax through a constitutional amendment. The 24th amendment to the Constitution, adopted in 1964, will stand as a lasting tribute to SPESSARD HOLLAND and his doggedness in fighting for principles dear to him.

SPESSARD HOLLAND was known as the "father" of Everglades National Park in his native Florida, an idea that was born to him in his years of admiring the unusual nature of that primeval area.

He began to put together the park while serving as Governor of Florida in World War II and continued to support its expansion and improvement in his 24 years here.

Mr. President, it was SPESSARD HOLLAND who persuaded his southern colleagues—including me—to join in bringing statehood to Alaska and Hawaii. He had the vision to see that this was a just status for our two newest States.

I offer my deepest sympathies to SPESSARD HOLLAND's wife, Mary, in the loss of her partner in life for over a half century. We here in this body mourn the passing of a friend, a decorated World War I aviator who devoted 50 years of elected public service to the people of Florida and this country.

His memory will live with us.

Mr. BIBLE. Mr. President, I wish to join Senators in expressing the profound sadness we all share in the passing of Senator SPESSARD HOLLAND. He was, as the majority leader phrased it, a U.S. Senator in the best meaning of the term.

I knew and grew to respect SPESSARD HOLLAND as a member of the Appropriations Committee, where we often worked together on money matters. He was always a hard and extremely effective worker, and it is on that committee, I believe, that he will be missed most sorely in the years ahead.

But it was in our common interest in the conservation of natural resources and in the preservation and development of recreation lands that we were most closely associated. As chairman of the Subcommittee on Parks and Recreation, I found his wisdom and guidance an essential element in the development of the Everglades National Park and in the many other programs so important to land, water, and wildlife resources in Florida.

SPESSARD HOLLAND was a patriot and an inspired leader who has left a brilliant mark on the history and progress of his State and Nation. I offer my deepest sympathy to Mary Holland, whose personal grief may be lessened in some measure by the knowledge of her husband's great contributions and the pride she must have in his wide range of accomplishments.

Mr. ALLOTT. Mr. President, all Senators were deeply grieved by the news Saturday of the death of Senator SPESSARD L. HOLLAND, of Florida.

Senator HOLLAND served his State with distinction during 4 years as Governor. He served his State and the Nation with equal distinction during 24 years in the Senate.

He was a Senator's Senator—attentive to his duties, respectful of the needs of the entire Nation, a sensitive and prudent statesman in dealing with the most divisive issues of the tumultuous times in which he lived.

While I have many warm memories of service with Senator HOLLAND, I cherish most the memory of his courageous steadfast efforts on behalf of the 24th amendment to the Constitution. This struck down the poll tax, which had been one device effectively used to deny the franchise to black voters in the South.

Mrs. Allott and I extend to Senator HOLLAND's wife, Mary, our deepest sympathy in her loss.

Mr. McGEE. Mr. President, I wish to pay tribute to the memory of a former colleague—SPESSARD L. HOLLAND—who was taken from our midst last Saturday.

It is with a sense of tragedy that I mark the passing of Senator HOLLAND, for I came to know him very well while working with him on the Appropriations Committee. As chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee, his contributions to the farmers and ranchers of the Nation were many and significant in scope.

But perhaps the greatest recognition this body and the Nation paid to Senator HOLLAND related to his long and difficult struggle to outlaw the poll tax in Federal elections. His efforts culminated in the passage of the 24th amendment to the Constitution in 1962 and State ratification in 1964. This, in itself, can only be recognized as the highest legislative achievement any Senator can render his country.

It is, therefore, with a deep sense of loss that I pay my final tribute to a man I held in great esteem.

Mr. GRIFFIN. Mr. President, I wish to join with my colleagues in expressing deep sorrow over the death of our former colleague, Florida's distinguished Senator SPESSARD L. HOLLAND.

A part of the basic strength of our Nation has been the willingness of men like SPESSARD HOLLAND to devote their lives to public service. For more than a half a century, our departed colleague served his State and the Nation—as a prosecuting attorney, as a county judge, as a State senator, as Governor and, for 25 years, in the U.S. Senate.

For me, it was a great privilege to have the opportunity to serve in this body with one so devoted to the principles of democracy and representative government. His abiding sense of the dignity of the Senate and its unusual character as the people's forum were reflected in all his actions on the Senate floor and off.

He was most formidable in debate, yet he was always fair and considerate with those with whom he differed on the issues coming before the Senate.

As we all know, he was a tireless worker who stood unflinchingly for what he believed was right and in the national interest. While he had intense loyalty to his State and to his constituency, he also afforded national leadership on many issues of major importance.

One of his most notable accomplishments in the U.S. Senate was in the enactment of the 24th amendment to the Constitution banning poll taxes as a qualification for voting. He supported such a move long before it became popular and the final approval of the amendment came as a personal tribute for SPESSARD HOLLAND. As former President Johnson said, the amendment represented "the triumph of liberty over restriction."

SPESSARD retired voluntarily at the end of the last Congress, saying that at 78 years of age: "I thought it foolish to think of 6 more years of vigorous activity in the Senate." We shall remember him for the example he set for us of public service in the Senate's finest tradition.

Mr. MUSKIE. Mr. President, I wish to express my deep personal grief at the recent death of the distinguished former Senator from Florida, SPESSARD HOLLAND. Certainly one of the pleasures of my career in the Senate was the opportunity to work with and know this outstanding American.

Senator HOLLAND served the public in every level of government. He was a county prosecutor, a judge, a member of the Florida State Legislature, Governor of the State of Florida, and finally a U.S. Sen-

ator. In each of these public offices, he served ably and well. This great diversity of experience enhanced the contribution that Senator HOLLAND made in the Senate in the consideration of national legislation. Few men in the Senate could draw on such a wealth of experience to aid the Senate in the consideration of the great issues of our time.

As someone who has been concerned for some time with the environment, I should like to acknowledge Senator HOLLAND's contributions in this area. As Governor of Florida, he established the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission which did much to preserve the environment of Florida. He is rightly known as the father of the Everglades National Park.

SPESSARD HOLLAND is no longer with us, but his contributions to his State and to our society remain.

Mr. AIKEN. Mr. President, one of the great privileges I have enjoyed as a Member of the Senate has been that of working with SPESSARD HOLLAND, both as a member of the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry and the Subcommittee on Agricultural Appropriations of which he was chairman.

SPESSARD HOLLAND was one of the most outstanding Senators I have known.

As a Senator, his first love was good government, and he steadfastly supported this ideal during his 24 years of service in this body.

He knew the value of a dollar and insisted upon value received for each dollar appropriated.

But perhaps his strongest influence was in the field of agriculture.

He knew this field thoroughly and his knowledge of citrus growing, livestock raising, vegetable growing, and crop raising was unsurpassed.

He was extremely devoted to his home State and Florida never got the short end of any stick so long as SPESSARD HOLLAND represented it in the Senate.

He was, however, eminently fair to all the States.

When he retired at the end of his term last year, not only the State of Florida but the Nation lost a powerful disciple of good government, but I also lost a friend.

In the passing of SPESSARD HOLLAND, the United States has lost a great statesman, and American agriculture lost a loyal friend.

My wife, Lola, and I join all others in extending our heartfelt sympathy to his devoted wife, Mary.

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, with the retirement and subsequent death of the Honorable SPESSARD L. HOLLAND, the Nation, as well as his native State of Florida, lost a great patriot and one of her most distinguished sons. The U.S. Senate, where Senator HOLLAND made an outstanding record during an illustrious career of almost 25 years, lost some of its greatness and some of its luster on his retirement from the Senate; for, surely, it was Senator HOLLAND and Senators of his type who earned for the U.S. Senate the accolade of "greatest deliberative body in the world."

In the Senate Reception Room, just off the Senate Chamber, are portraits of five former U.S. Senators. The room contains no other portraits. These Senators were chosen as the five greatest U.S. Senators of all time by a Senate committee, headed by then Senator John F. Kennedy, that had been appointed to name the five greatest U.S. Senators. Predictably, Webster, Calhoun, and Clay were named, as were Robert A. Taft and Robert LaFollette. Outstanding as were all five of these famous Senators, without question in the judgment of the junior Senator from Alabama, Senator SPESSARD LINDSEY HOLLAND was the peer of the greatest of these great Senators.

Senator HOLLAND's superior intellect and silver-tongued eloquence; his integrity and statesmanship; his fairmindedness and courtesy; his logic, leadership, and dedication all contributed to his greatness.

Mr. President, a man is judged by the company he keeps, by his deeds, by his thoughts and motives, by his dedication, sincerity, and integrity—yes, and by the books he reads and the music to which he listens. But, Mr. President, I suggest that a man can also be judged by the men he most admires—by who his heroes are. To the junior Senator from Alabama, Senator HOLLAND was one of his heroes, one of the public figures that he most admired. I welcome judgment by this standard.

I had the privilege of serving with Senator HOLLAND only in the 91st Congress, but I did have the good fortune of enjoying a close association with him, on and off the Senate floor.

Many times—actually dozens of times—I had the privilege of sitting at the same table with him at lunch in the Senators' private

dining room at the table reserved for Democratic Senators. While I figuratively sat at his feet on those occasions, I actually sat beside him and listened intently and with great interest as Senator HOLLAND told of the history and traditions of the Senate, and of the many great issues that had been debated in the Senate, and of the renowned statesmen who had served in the Senate. What greater authority could have been found than Senator HOLLAND?

Mr. President, Mrs. Allen and I were always deeply touched by the love that Senator and Mrs. Holland had for each other. She was seldom absent from his thoughts or his conversation. We had the pleasure of attending their 50th wedding anniversary and, with hundreds of their friends, shared with them the happiness of the occasion. We pray that the Lord will comfort and sustain Mrs. Holland in her loss.

Senator HOLLAND has been gathered unto his fathers and will never again be physically present in this Chamber, but the memory of his greatness and of his illustrious record will live on as long as our Republic stands.

Mr. COTTON. Mr. President, I shall always remember SPESSARD HOLLAND as he was when I first came to the Senate and later joined him on the Appropriations Committee. He was then the beau ideal of a Senator—in appearance and in all the qualities of mind and soul which equip men for service here. With a toga upon his shoulders and a fillet around his snow-white locks, he could have stepped back through the ages and walked the Praetorian pavements on terms of complete equality with any senator of ancient Rome. It was but natural that the tremendous tasks which he was then laying down should have left their marks upon him, and that his slackening powers should have found thereafter only those occasional bursts of fiery zeal with which he sometimes roused himself to action which stirred the Senate. He was passing into the evening of his life—an evening destined to be long and golden, warmed with the color of an autumn day. He was surrounded by the solicitude of an adoring family—and we shared that solicitude with them. He has now fallen to sleep and has been laid to rest. Our grief is tempered by the reflection that we have been privileged to know him and to love him.

Mr. FONG. Mr. President, I join my Senate colleagues in expressing extreme sorrow over the passing of Senator SPESSARD L. HOLLAND, who served his State, Florida, and the Nation with distinction for 24 years in this Chamber.

I feel a sense of loss at his passing for I did learn to know and respect him while working with him on the Senate's Appropriations Committee and its important Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee.

My distinguished colleagues will agree with me, I am sure, that his efforts toward the passage of the 24th amendment to the Constitution which outlawed the poll tax was a most outstanding achievement. This Nation's posterity will remember this with gratefulness.

My wife and I extend our deepest condolences to Mrs. Holland during this period of great personal grief.

Mr. JACKSON. Mr. President, on November 8, I was privileged to be in Bartow, Fla., to join with the family and friends of SPESSARD HOLLAND in a final tribute to Florida's great Senator. The simple dignity of that ceremony was a reflection of the man himself. And all of us there were moved by the honor the people of Florida chose to bestow on their distinguished elder statesman.

SPESSARD HOLLAND's life began in a small Florida community, but the impact of what he did was felt all across America.

As someone who served with him for 18 years in the Senate, I knew him as a truly unique man. He was a scholar who received the highest honors of his university, and his scholarship was reflected in the broad historical perspective he brought to major public issues.

He was a courageous soldier who received the Distinguished Service Cross in World War I, and his courage was reflected in his determination to defend the principles he knew to be right. He was a brilliant lawyer, and his legal craftsmanship was reflected in the far-reaching statutes he helped write.

And because he was all these things, the people of Florida chose him as a prosecuting attorney, a county judge and as a State senator—and then as their Governor and U.S. Senator.

I remember how he envisioned a greater United States by being an early supporter of statehood for Alaska and Hawaii. I remember how he fought to extend the franchise to all Americans, so that the

24th amendment to our Constitution became a monument to his perseverance in a cause he knew to be right.

So SPESSARD HOLLAND combined the virtues of a scholar, a soldier, and a statesman, and made himself one of the most respected U.S. Senators of our time. He never tried to be one of the loudest voices—but his voice was heard simply because it was a voice of knowledge, of understanding, of reason. When he spoke in the Senate, his colleagues listened. And we all profited, personally and collectively, from his thoughtful counsel.

SPESSARD HOLLAND created a tradition of excellence in Florida politics. That is his legacy to the people of his State. This tradition will live on, I am sure, as people remember SPESSARD HOLLAND with admiration and respect and gratitude for his service to his State and his country.

Mr. JORDAN of Idaho. Mr. President, it was with sadness that I learned of the passing of the Honorable SPESSARD L. HOLLAND on November 6.

Although we sat on separate sides of the aisle, the late Senator and I shared many interests. As a matter of record we voted together most of the time. He was never one to alienate a person whose opinions may have differed from his own and, in his own reserved way, he became a powerful and respected Member of this body during his quarter of a century tenure.

Senator HOLLAND served his State in a manner most faithfully with its best interests at heart. He elected to retire after a distinguished career in public service. His loss will be lamented by his many friends and coworkers. Mrs. Jordan and I extend our most heartfelt sympathy to Mary Holland—may she take comfort in the knowledge that during her husband's years here on earth he was a great and good man whose devotion to public service earned him the respect of his fellowman.

Mr. STENNIS. Mr. President, I am deeply grieved at the passing of our friend and former colleague, Senator SPESSARD L. HOLLAND, of Florida.

It is less than a year since we joined on this floor in well-deserved tribute to Senator HOLLAND, on the occasion of his retirement. That occasion was touched with sadness because we did not like to see him

leave this body and leave Washington, but we could enjoy with him the prospect of the pleasures of retirement at his home in Bartow, Fla. This occasion brings us only deep grief and a profound sense of loss.

SPESSARD HOLLAND was a man of many distinguished talents, who used them unsparingly on behalf of his country, his State, his friends, and his family. He was decorated for heroism in the Army in World War I. He was prosecuting attorney of Polk County, Fla., and he served 8 years in the Florida State Senate. Thirty years ago the people of Florida selected him to serve in their highest office, as Governor. After 4 years, they sent him to the U.S. Senate, until he retired on January 3 of this year, the end of his term.

SPESSARD HOLLAND's full life, and the way he led it, serving the people, is its own testimonial. He gave his best to every cause he undertook and was a skilled legislator. There is little anyone can say that could add to that testimonial that he carried out in many years of service. I can only say, with affection and admiration, that he lives in my memory as one of the most distinguished Americans I have been privileged to know—a great Senator, and a true friend.

My deep sympathy goes to his wife, Mary, and to his daughters and sons, in their great earthly loss.

Mrs. Stennis joins me in all the sentiments of this statement. Our prayers are that God will continue to bless and sustain Mrs. Holland, their sons and daughters, and their families, now and for the years ahead.

Mr. SPARKMAN. Mr. President, all Senators who had the privilege of serving here with SPESSARD HOLLAND and, in fact, all those who knew him, were shocked and grieved when word came that he had died.

SPESSARD HOLLAND entered the Senate just about 6 weeks before I did. I had the pleasure of serving with him for more than 20 years. I came to know him as a Senator who worked hard, who studied the legislation before him, and who acted upon it conscientiously and with great legal and legislative ability. I often consulted with SPESSARD HOLLAND on legislation before the Senate. He was always fair in his appraisal and was often most helpful to me.

SPESSARD was a gentleman in every sense of the word. He was a wonderful Senator and a good friend.

I believe everyone that knew SPESSARD and Mary Holland must have been impressed with the wonderful companionship that they manifested. I know the great loss that came to her and to their children when they had to give him up. Mrs. Sparkman and I extend to Mrs. Holland and to their children our deepest sympathy.

Mr. MAGNUSON. Mr. President, I am sure that many Senators would like to express their deep grief over the death of our former colleague, SPESSARD HOLLAND.

I ask unanimous consent that the record be kept open so that those of us who may wish to do so may make remarks about our departed colleague.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. BYRD of West Virginia subsequently said: Mr. President, a little earlier today the distinguished Senator from Washington [Mr. Magnuson] secured unanimous consent that the record be kept open so that Senators who may wish to do so may make remarks about our late distinguished colleague, Senator SPESSARD HOLLAND.

I ask unanimous consent that the record be kept open for a period of 15 days, and that the tributes expressed be collected and printed as a Senate document.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. MANSFIELD. May I say that at an appropriate time, the joint leadership will request the distinguished present Presiding Officer of the Senate, the Senator from Florida [Mr. Chiles] and his associate, the distinguished Senator from Florida [Mr. Gurney] to initiate some time during which the Senate can express its feelings toward our late departed colleague, and the same situation will develop in relation to the two distinguished Senators from Virginia [Mr. Spong and Mr. Byrd] relative to the passing of our late beloved colleague, Senator Robertson.

Mr. CHILES. Mr. President, Adlai Stevenson once said:

> For a man to love his country truly,
> He must also know how to love mankind. . . .

SPESSARD LINDSEY HOLLAND believed in the promise of America because he believed in its people. He was a humble man, a man of the people, who felt more at home in Bartow than in the social circles of Washington, D.C. He was a scholar and a keen intellect; yet he liked nothing better than to hunt and fish in his beloved Florida.

SPESSARD HOLLAND'S career in the service of his State and his country spanned half a century, but he never sought fame. Rather he sought to do lasting good and to make this country and this world a better place for all of us.

SPESSARD HOLLAND was a gallant soldier in defense of his country. When America entered the First World War, SPESSARD HOLLAND went to Jacksonville to enlist in the Army. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the coast artillery in August 1917, and assigned to Key West. From there, he went overseas to France the following January where he volunteered as an aerial observer. In 30 days, he was at the front—flying. Several times, he was almost shot down and for his valor, SPESSARD HOLLAND was honored with the Distinguished Service Cross.

SPESSARD HOLLAND emerged from the war as a captain and he came home to marry his faithful and beloved, Mary Groover. She was an inspiration and source of strength to him for the rest of his life. A devoted wife and mother, Mary Holland was the perfect complement to her husband. SPESSARD HOLLAND was prouder of his family than of any of his many legislative accomplishments.

SPESSARD HOLLAND respected knowledge and learning and he fought to insure that each child would have a quality education. Both his parents were teachers, and he planned to be one when he enrolled at Emory University. After the war, he returned to his hometown and assumed the chairmanship of the local school district. Later, as Governor, he approved new tax laws which increased teachers' salaries an average of 40 percent.

SPESSARD HOLLAND served his State and his country nobly and selflessly in all three branches of government—as a State legislator and U.S. Senator, as a prosecuting attorney and county judge, and as Governor. In the Florida Legislature, SPESSARD HOLLAND assisted in

drafting the Florida School Code, backed the Workman's Compensation Act and old age assistance—all lasting achievements which moved the State forward.

SPESSARD HOLLAND assumed the Governorship at the beginning of the wartime years when the State of Florida was close to bankruptcy. Within 6 months, Florida was on the road to recovery. SPESSARD HOLLAND—a man of action—had begun to reform the tax system and soon Florida would have a gas tax amendment which would reduce interest rates on road bonds. His love of nature and his native land prompted the creation of a strong game and fish commission, removed from political patronage. Moreover, he turned over State lands and money to the Federal Government for the establishment of the Everglades National Park, and as a U.S. Senator, he guided authorization and appropriations bills through the Congress for its continuing expansion and development.

SPESSARD HOLLAND left the Governor's mansion as well liked and respected as when he entered it—a unique achievement in State politics. He loved the law and wanted to practice in Bartow and he also looked forward to having more time to enjoy his family and friends. However, U.S. Senator Charles Andrews' health was failing and he decided not to seek reelection. Florida and the U.S. Senate needed SPESSARD HOLLAND and he was persuaded to run for election. He won the primary in May 1946 and was to have taken office in January 1947. Senator Andrews died in September of 1946 and SPESSARD HOLLAND was appointed to fill the remainder of his term.

SPESSARD HOLLAND came to Washington to represent his State—and he served as Florida's finest representative. He was most proud of his agricultural legislation, and he handled the Farm Credit Administration legislation in both committee and on the Senate floor. He believed in individual initiative and he fought to assure that the land banks belonged solely to the people that used them. He helped expand the Farmers Home Administration to assist the smaller, low-income farmers. As he stated in 1965:

> I still strongly believe in our private enterprise system, in sound competition, in individual responsibilty, and in keeping the Govenment as close as possible to the people.

SPESSARD HOLLAND was an effective legislator and an equally effective attorney. He wrote the Tidelands Act which guaranteed

to the States ownership of submerged coastal lands along their boundaries. The bill became law but was challenged before the Supreme Court. SPESSARD HOLLAND was chosen to argue before the Court and he did so brilliantly. He won his case and the Tidelands Act remained the law of the land.

SPESSARD HOLLAND was a political conservative, but more important he was a libertarian. He fought for equality and justice for every man, and he lived up to these principles. He began his fight to eliminate the poll tax in Federal elections in 1946 by introducing a constitutional amendment and he reintroduced this amendment again and again until its ratification as the 24th amendment to the Constitution in 1962. No man would ever again be denied the right to vote because he could not pay.

SPESSARD HOLLAND was compassionate and understanding, fair-minded, and conscientious. When the issue of statehood for Alaska came before the U.S. Senate, he was the first southerner to support the cause. He had always believed in the right of self-determination in government, and he fought—and won—to secure total representation for the Alaskan people.

SPESSARD HOLLAND was a man of complete, utter integrity who was revered by even those who disagreed with him. He was one of the ablest men ever to sit in the U.S. Senate and his wisdom and judgment were respected by Senators on both sides of the aisle.

SPESSARD HOLLAND loved Florida and its rivers and streams and magnificent Everglades. He was an advocate of flood control and conservation before they became fashionable issues because of his esteem for nature and life.

SPESSARD HOLLAND was a simple man—an unpretentious man—who worked with diligence and dedication to make the American dream a reality. He was my good friend and a wise counsel, and I miss him deeply. However, his legacy will always be with us—and we are a better people and a better Nation because he lived.

His life was gentle, and the elements so mix'd in him that Nature might stand up and say to all the world, "This was a man!"

Mr. GURNEY. Mr. President, it is a sad honor for me to speak today of the career of our former colleague SPESSARD HOLLAND—sad in the knowledge that a great American is no longer with us. He leaves behind him a proud legacy of accomplishment and a host of

sorrowing friends and admirers. It was my good fortune to have served with him in the Senate for 2 years and in Congress for 8; he was, indeed, a man of great character and integrity, a man for whom everyone had the greatest respect.

SPESSARD LINDSEY HOLLAND was a very special man, one who served his country with honor and distinction, in war and in peace, for over 50 years. Those of us in the Senate remember him well for his service, his leadership, and his inspiration. His wise counsel will be sorely missed. Yet, while he may no longer be physically with us, the memory of his character and spirit will not soon be forgotten.

During the last few years there has been a great deal of soul searching in America, accompanied by expressions of guilt over supposed evils of the past. The past is something many Americans would have us be ashamed of—but when we look at the contributions of a man like SPESSARD HOLLAND we realize that it is men like these that have helped make America great and it is those who attack them who should be ashamed. Few men in American history have served as long or at as many levels of government as SPESSARD HOLLAND and even fewer have served as well.

Senator HOLLAND'S distinguished career began in one era and ended in another. He was born on July 10, 1892 in Bartow, Fla., some 11 years after his parents had moved to the State. As a youth, he went to school in the town that was to become his lifelong home, graduating from Summerlin Institute—now the Bartow High School—in 1909. From there he went on to Emory College, from which he graduated in 1912 but to which he dedicated much time and effort right up until his death. This was to become typical of this man of service; he always contributed more to anything in which he became involved than he received in return.

College diploma in hand, he entered the University of Florida Law School. While there he not only was an outstanding scholar, but also found time to participate in athletics and to be student body president. In fact, he was such a good athlete that in 1916 the legendary Connie Mack offered him a contract to play pro baseball with the old Philadelphia A's. However, he chose not to sign. Baseball's loss turned out to be Florida's—and the Nation's—gain.

Soon after graduating from law school in 1916 SPESSARD HOLLAND went off to fight for his country. In 1917 he was commissioned a

second lieutenant in the coast artillery and subsequently went to France where he transferred to the Army Air Corps. As a flier he saw action in four of the major battles of 1918, shot down one German plane and was, himself, shot down in combat. As a result, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the citation of which noted "extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy." He came home from the war a captain.

After returning home, getting married, and practicing law briefly, he accepted appointment as prosecuting attorney for Polk County. In 1920, he was elected county judge, a position he held until 1929. Then in 1932, he ran for, and was elected to, the State senate where he served with distinction for 8 years.

While in the State senate, SPESSARD HOLLAND made some notable contributions. He sponsored measures aimed at reducing taxes, improving public education, introducing workmen's compensation, and providing assistance for the elderly and the unemployed. He wrote and sponsored legislation creating the Florida Citrus Commission and he sponsored the Soil Conservation Districts Act, the Cooperative Market Act, and the Fair Trade Act. And, perhaps most important in terms of his future career, he led the successful fight to abolish the poll tax in Florida because he believed it to be morally wrong. There were many in the country in the 1930's, 1940's, and 1950's who did not agree. These people were to find out that Senator HOLLAND fought long and hard for what he believed in.

In 1940, with war clouds on the horizon, Floridians chose him to be their 28th Governor. He saw his task as one of preparing the State for the struggle ahead and then making sure that it contributed fully to the war effort. But that was not all, for during his term as Governor he signed the deed that conveyed 850,000 acres of land, water, and swamp to the Federal Government to be turned into a Federal park. However, establishment of the park did not come right away; not surprisingly it was a freshman Senator from Florida, SPESSARD HOLLAND, who introduced the required bill into the Senate.

In 1946, he decided to run for the U.S. Senate and won the Democratic primary in September. Since victory in the primary meant victory in the general election, it was only logical that he should be appointed to the seat when the incumbent Senator Charles Andrews died in September 1946. So began his distinguished Senate

career that was to span nearly a quarter century. During that time he made innumerable significant contributions to the course of legislation.

Enumerating all these contributions would fill a volume; so let me just mention a few of the high points.

As a freshman Senator, he followed up on his earlier efforts and introduced the bill that, when passed in 1947, created the Everglades National Park.

In 1949, he first introduced a constitutional amendment to prohibit the poll tax in Federal elections. He kept introducing it until he finally saw it passed in 1962 and ratified by the States in 1964 as the 24th amendment to our Constitution.

He was a prime mover behind the passage of the Tideland Act which restored to the States property rights to submerged coastal belts lying within their boundaries. Later—in 1959—he personally argued the constitutionality of the act before the U.S. Supreme Court.

He took a leadership role in the passage of the central and southern Florida flood control project, and supported many other river and harbor projects that have proven to be most beneficial to the cause of national development.

In 1956 Senator HOLLAND took a leading role in the passage of the Highway Act which initiated our Interstate System which, only now, is nearing completion.

I could go on but the record speaks for itself.

As the senior Senator from Florida for 20 of his 24 years in the Senate, he took a great interest in those things that directly concerned the State, while at the same time, keeping an unrelenting eye on the national interest. His committee assignments reflected his concerns. He became a member of the Agriculture and Forestry Committee early in his Senate career and ultimately became its second ranking member. Later he went on the Appropriations Committee and worked his way up to fifth ranking member. His third committee was Aeronautics and Space, and although he joined it late, his presence on the appropriations committee helped give him leverage.

Over the years, he became known as a strong supporter of agricultural interests due to his committee work. On appropriations, his concern for fiscal responsibility was always a sobering influence and

as far as the space program was concerned, he became, over the years, one of its strongest supporters.

In 1970, Senator HOLLAND, still as vigorous as ever at age 78, decided to end his distinguished Senate career. He did not want to stay on too long, he said, and he felt that it was time to give a younger man a chance. And so he retired, with the same grace and dignity that always marked his efforts.

Retirement meant going home to Bartow and to his family. But it did not mean a withdrawal from the world. He continued to take an interest in politics and he was preparing to write a book or two—one on the history of Florida, so much of which he helped make, and the other on his family. Sadly, time ran out and these tasks were never completed. We may only be thankful that the end came peacefully and without prior suffering.

Senator HOLLAND'S death is a tragic loss for Florida and for the Nation. He was a truly great gentleman—a man who personified the best elements in American life. He was a man of unwavering integrity; he was dedicated to his work and to doing what he thought best for America; and he was a man of perception—a man able to appreciate the past, understand the present, and perceive the challenges of the future. No narrow-minded man was this Senator; he was guided by principle but he was always tolerant of the views of others. He was an independent thinker who spoke his mind when the occasion warranted but he granted the same right to others. In summary, he was a patriot in every sense of the word—a man who loved and fought for his country and all the good things it stood for. But, perhaps he will best be remembered for his dignity, courtesy, and upright manner with which he always conducted himself. In so doing, he set an example that all America would do well to follow.

SPESSARD HOLLAND'S career will not soon be forgotten. Its scope of achievement was truly amazing and reflects great credit not only on the man but on the State and Nation that produced him. While he will be sorely missed, we may take consolation from the fact that as long as America keeps producing leaders and statesmen like SPESSARD HOLLAND, its future will be bright indeed.

At this time of sorrow, we offer to his beloved wife of 52 years, Mary, and to their four children, our deepest sympathy. We share with them—and with the rest of the Holland family—the deepest sense of personal loss.

Mr. MANSFIELD. I wish to join the two distinguished Senators from Florida in their statements relative to our late distinguished colleague SPESSARD HOLLAND.

SPESSARD HOLLAND had an outstanding record of service. He served in the Armed Forces during the First World War, was awarded a number of decorations, and acquitted himself with distinction.

He served as Governor—and as a fine Governor—of the State of Florida. Following that, he served many years in the Senate of the United States.

SPESSARD HOLLAND will be remembered not only for his diligence, his integrity, his understanding, his patriotism, and his knowledge, but also he will be remembered as the author of the 24th amendment—the Holland amendment—which abolished the poll tax.

He also will be remembered as being in the forefront of the fight to give to the Territory of Hawaii the status of statehood.

SPESSARD HOLLAND made many contributions to the welfare and betterment of his State. He was a devoted servant of the United States, a man whom we all respected, whom we all loved, and whom we all miss.

So I should like to join with my distinguished colleagues with these few remarks to express my appreciation, my affection, and my respect for a man who served the Senate well, who served his State and Nation with dignity and understanding, who is missed and will be missed, and who has left his mark on this body. He was a great Senator.

Mr. PASTORE. Mr. President, as this Senate approaches its tremendous responsibilities of this year of 1972, it is well that we pause to revere the memory of men who once were our colleagues—and shared our responsibilities with their rare gifts of mind and heart.

Such a Senator was our departed friend, SPESSARD L. HOLLAND.

It seems fitting that the passing from this life of SPESSARD HOLLAND should be as gentle as was the gentle bearing of this great American—scholar-soldier-teacher-statesman.

The people of his beloved Florida bestowed on their native son every honor in their power to give. As Governor and Senator few men have given to their State and country the dedicated service that is the life story of our colleague and friend who served here in this quarter century of America's drama, danger, and destiny.

A flying ace in World War I—a four-letter athlete in college—Phi Beta Kappa in scholarship—we remember him best as a debater on this Senate floor—and his particular audience, his beloved wife listening with rapt attention in the gallery.

For SPESSARD HOLLAND—in all his labors—had in mind the sanctity and security of the home—his home and the homes of all Americans.

It seems only yesterday that the Hollands—here on "the Hill"—observed their golden anniversary—and a day of genuine celebration for us and his legion of neighbors and friends.

SPESSARD HOLLAND was a southerner who fought for repeal of the poll tax—and saw his efforts through to success.

A world figure, he fought for the preservation of the Florida Everglades as precious natural wealth for all people.

It was a treasured dividend of service in the Senate to have enjoyed the friendship of this splendid human being who shall be remembered forever by his senatorial title—"the gentleman from Florida."

A Nation's gratitude and sympathy go to his beloved wife—the inspiration of his life.

Mr. BIBLE. Mr. President, it is an honor to join my colleagues in paying final tribute to one of the most respected members of this body, Senator SPESSARD HOLLAND.

When Senator HOLLAND died last November, our majority leader called him a "U.S. Senator in the best meaning of the term." I share that assessment. Senator HOLLAND's fine work in the fields of agriculture, conservation, and taxation left a permanent testimonial in American history to his dedication and ability.

I worked most closely with Senator HOLLAND on the Appropriations Committee, and his keen judgment has been sorely missed there. But it was our common interests in the preservation and development of parks and recreation areas that brought us most closely together. As chairman of the Interior Parks and Recreation Subcommittee, I valued Senator HOLLAND's wisdom and guidance in the development of the Everglades National Park and the many other fine recreation and wildlife programs benefiting not only Florida but every section of our Nation.

He may be best remembered, however, for his courageous work in behalf of the 24th amendment to the Constitution. This landmark

amendment struck down the poll tax, an unfair and often discriminatory burden on our citizens.

It is unfair, really, to single out any accomplishment when we honor the memory of Senator HOLLAND. For his interests were broad and his legislative record was one of the most productive.

Senator HOLLAND was in every respect a valiant Senator, a champion of human rights, and a guardian of our Nation's great national heritage. His contributions were legion, and his State and Nation have lost a valued friend and advocate.

Mr. BYRD of West Virginia. Mr. President, it is difficult when one is eulogizing a man of the stature and accomplishments of SPESSARD HOLLAND to decide which facets of his character and career to emphasize. There were so many that were outstanding.

The late senior Senator from the State of Florida served in this distinguished body for almost a quarter of a century. He had enjoyed the absolute confidence of the people of his State as their representative in Washington and also as their Governor. He left them a legacy of lasting beauty when he championed, against great odds, the establishment of the Everglades National Park. Generations of Floridians to come will have cause to be grateful to this distinguished leader for his courage and foresight.

Senator HOLLAND served with much distinction on the Committees on Appropriations, Agriculture and Forestry, and Aeronautical and Space Sciences, and to each he gave to the fullest extent the benefit of his diligence, perception, mastery of public issues, and a high level of personal integrity. He was a man of true loyalties to his country, his State, and his colleagues. But he also possessed an independence of mind and never shirked the task of speaking his mind if and when the necessity arose.

SPESSARD HOLLAND was a man of dignity and unfailing courtesy. He was the embodiment of a southern gentleman. There was not a Member of the Senate who did not respect and esteem Senator HOLLAND for his qualities as a legislator, as a human being, and as a friend. I am proud and grateful to have been his colleague in the U.S. Senate.

Mr. ERVIN. Mr. President, I wish to join in the tribute which my friend the distinguished assistant majority leader, Mr. Byrd of West Virginia, has paid to the late SPESSARD HOLLAND.

Spessard Holland held virtually every office within the gift of the people of Florida. Before he held his first office, however, he served in the American Expeditionary Force in a branch of the service which required men of heroic mold; namely, the Army Air Force. He served as an observer in the Army Air Force. In those days, the Army Air Force was equipped with planes which can be described merely as crates. It required the greatest amount of physical courage even to go up in the air in one of the crates, let alone to subject oneself to the fire of the enemy in one of them.

Spessard Holland was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross by the American Expeditionary Force in France for the extraordinary heroism he displayed as an observer in the Army Air Force, which was the only air force operating on the Western Front in behalf of the American Expeditionary Force.

Spessard Holland had the physical courage that enabled him to brave the dangers of physical combat. After he returned to Florida, he devoted his keen intellect, his great learning, and his magnificent moral and political courage to the service of his people. He was a man gifted by his Creator with a wonderful mind. That was illustrated by the fact that he was selected as a Rhodes scholar to attend Oxford University, in England, but was prevented from so doing by the fact that the First World War occurred and that he responded to his country's call by volunteering his services.

Not only was he a great student; he was also an outstanding athlete. He was renowned in the athletic annals of the University of Florida as one of the greatest pitchers of all time on its baseball teams. He was offered a contract by that prince of the diamond, Connie Mack, to pitch baseball for the Philadelphia Athletics.

After serving his country in the First World War, Spessard Holland returned to his home in Florida and was speedily honored by those who knew him best—that is, his neighbors—with election to the Florida State Legislature, where he served with great acceptability and was responsible for much beneficent legislation for his State.

He also served in the capacity of county judge. I think that his judicial experience, although it was not long, gave him a cast of mind which remained with him throughout the remainder of his life.

Spessard Holland was always willing to hear both sides of a question. He always recognized that there was much to be said on both sides of controversial questions. He was willing to listen to those

who disagreed with him. After he was convinced of the rectitude of his position in respect to any public issue, he fought for that position valiantly.

After serving the people of his home county in the capacities of State legislator and county judge, SPESSARD HOLLAND was elevated to the highest office within the gift of the people of Florida; namely, the office of Governor of that great State. Here he served during the trying days of the Second World War in a manner which reflects credit upon a man who was essentially a great public servant.

After a highly distinguished career as Governor of Florida, SPESSARD HOLLAND was chosen to represent the State of Florida in the U.S. Senate, where he soon distinguished himself as one of the ablest Members of the Senate, and where he earned the respect and the admiration of all persons who knew anything about his public service in the Senate, including those who may have disagreed with him and who may have fought him on many occasions.

If I were asked to epitomize the political philosophy of SPESSARD HOLLAND, I would say that he believed in clinging to the true and tried landmarks of the past, but that at the same time he was not opposed to giving consideration to new ideas. I have known few, if any, men who had the stature of SPESSARD HOLLAND.

I was very much distressed when he decided to retire from the Senate, although he explained to me at that time that he was moved to do so, because he was susceptible to angina and that on some occasions this unfortunate ailment made it difficult for him to carry some of the burdens of his office.

I hated to see him leave the Senate, because for years I sat immediately behind him. I am now privileged to occupy the seat which he occupied. During the years when he occupied this seat, and I sat immediately behind him, I often called upon him for advice in respect to the complex and difficult legislative proposals pending before the Senate. I always found his advice extremely helpful, because he made it a practice to study all the issues that came before the Senate and then to accept the side of the issue which his intelligence told him was on the right side for his country and which his commonsense told him was the most practical solution of the problem under consideration.

I will emphasize what SPESSARD HOLLAND always acknowledged, that is, that his great achievements as a public servant were due to the

devotion and encouragement of a great woman, Mary Holland, who was his constant love and inspiration.

I have always thought, from the time I came to know SPESSARD HOLLAND and to admire him for the qualities of his head and to love him for the qualities of his heart, that he was fittingly described in a poem written by another man whose surname happened to be Holland, a poem by Gilbert Holland. That poem is as follows:

God give us men! A time like this demands
Strong minds, great hearts, true faith, and ready hands;
Men whom the lust of office does not kill;
Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;
Men who possess opinions and a will;
Men who have honor; men who will not lie;
Men who can stand before the demagogue and hear his treacherous flatterie, without blinking
Tall men, sun-crowned
Who dwell above the fog in public duty and in private thinking.

Such a man was SPESSARD HOLLAND. He was one of the most faithful public servants this country has ever known.

I would say that today America is uttering the prayer which Gilbert Holland phrased in the poem which I have just quoted. America is still praying for men of strong minds, great hearts, true faith, and ready hands. And unless America's prayer is answered, it is not likely that the American dream will long endure.

I shall never cease to miss SPESSARD HOLLAND and his courageous and intelligent example as a legislator, and I shall never cease to praise the good Lord for having given me the privilege of knowing and being closely associated with one of the finest human beings that the good Lord ever created; namely, SPESSARD HOLLAND.

Mr. YOUNG. Mr. President, I share the very great sense of loss we all feel with the passing of our esteemed colleague, SPESSARD HOLLAND.

I feel his loss particularly keenly as I was privileged to work very closely with him all during the nearly quarter of a century he served in the U.S. Senate. As a long-time member of the Senate Appropriations Committee and chairman of the Subcommittee on Agricultural Appropriations, he demonstrated time and again his vast knowledge of the complex problems of agriculture. During nearly all of the time he served in the Senate, SPESSARD and I were also members of the Senate Agriculture Committee.

He was always a powerful advocate for the interests of his State of Florida and always had a keen understanding of and intense loyalty to our national interests. His thorough study and analysis of any problem before the Congress always commanded the respect of all of us and contributed heavily to whatever debate was in progress.

Senator HOLLAND was a very able lawyer and one of the Senate's most powerful advocates of the interests of Florida and, in fact, every issue he became involved in. He was a tough, hard fighter for the things he believed in, but was always courteous, gentlemanly, and considerate.

He was exceptionally faithful to his duties as a Senator. Even after he announced his retirement, he continued to work just as hard as ever and was very active in his committee work and on the floor of the Senate to the last day of his service.

SPESSARD HOLLAND served his State and Nation throughout his life. Air pilot in World War I, State legislator, Governor, U.S. Senator. These were the offices to which he brought his skills. In each instance he established an enviable record that will serve for years as an example.

We are all better for having had an opportunity to work with and know SPESSARD HOLLAND. He was one of my best friends in the Senate. We will miss him deeply and Patricia and I extend our deepest sympathies to his wonderful wife, Mary, and all of the family.

Mr. FONG. Mr. President, I was extremely shocked and saddened by the sudden passing late last year of my friend and former colleague in this distinguished body, Senator SPESSARD LINDSEY HOLLAND of Florida.

It was a great privilege and honor to have served with Senator HOLLAND. His passing is a loss to his State, our Nation, and to Americans everywhere.

In Florida and in the Nation as a whole, SPESSARD HOLLAND will be remembered for his record of accomplishments during nearly a quarter of a century of outstanding service in the U.S. Senate.

For the people of Hawaii Senator HOLLAND and his record have special meaning. Though our State is geographically far removed from Florida, we from Hawaii feel extra warmth for him.

SPESSARD HOLLAND was the first southern Senator to espouse statehood for Hawaii. He cast his vote for the statehood bill that made our islands a full member of the Union, the 50th State.

SPESSARD HOLLAND also played a significant role in the continued development of Hawaii.

He topped his interest in our State with assistance for our agricultural research programs, conservation, and other vital projects we needed so badly.

For me the loss is very personal.

It was my privilege to have served with him on the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, of which he was chairman.

There, as well as on the Senate floor and in our other meetings, I observed the qualities which made him truly great—courage, integrity, tenacity, knowledge, and a penetrating intellect.

Mr. President, to SPESSARD HOLLAND's wife, Mary, and to the other members of the family, my wife Ellyn and I extend our deepest sympathies and our most sorrowful aloha.

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. President, just 1 year ago we rose in the Senate to bid farewell from this body to one of our most distinguished colleagues, SPESSARD HOLLAND, of Florida. He was retiring after 24 years of leadership in the Senate.

Now we are arising to express our sorrow on the passing of SPESSARD HOLLAND from this life. It came as a terrible shock to me as I know it did to each of us here to learn that he would no longer be with us and that he would not have the chance for years well-deserved rest and relaxation after nearly four decades of service to his people as lawyer, teacher, prosecuting attorney, county judge, State senator, Governor, soldier, and U.S. Senator.

He left the Senate by his own choice. I am certain that the people of his State would have reelected him overwhelmingly if he had decided that he wanted to return to the Senate.

SPESSARD HOLLAND was never reluctant about working diligently for those things he felt would help the people who elected him to the Congress. He was a forceful floor debater and he was always well prepared to support his cause.

As chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee he handled billions of dollars of the Federal money for a vast array of national needs—rural electrification, soil conservation, forestry and many other matters relating to our natural resources as well as our food and fiber which has kept our people and much of the world fed and clothed. He was ever mindful that there is a limit to what we can take from the public treasury.

I was always amazed at his broad range of interest and knowledge. I remember many times discussing New Hampshire with him. He had many friends in New Hampshire and knew the State well.

Through it all he was a delightful person, a warm person to be with. I thoroughly enjoyed the all too few times we had the chance to be together.

To his lovely wife and to his family, I express my sorrow. She has faced an enormous loss—one she can never recover. I want her to know that there are many who want to bear that loss with her.

Mr. MOSS. Mr. President, it was a privilege to have known and worked with SPESSARD HOLLAND in the U.S. Senate. I was here only a few months before I recognized him as one of the giants of the Senate. His benchmarks were honor and integrity. Though he was mild and courtly in manner, he was obviously a fighter in spirit. I think it could be said without challenge that he was "a gentleman of the old school"—and most certainly he was always a gentleman in asserting his strong views and standing for the things he believed.

Few men had a more illustrious career. Awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for his exploits in World War I, he returned to his native Florida to serve as county prosecutor, county judge, State senator, and finally Governor before coming to the Senate. He served 24 years in this Chamber until declining health forced him to retire.

Probably he will be best remembered as the father of the 24th amendment to the U.S. Constitution by which the poll tax was abolished. This alone would be monument enough for most men, but it was by no means his only accomplishment. I remember particularly working with him on protection of the environment, and particularly on saving and expanding Everglades National Park and establishing Biscayne Bay National Monument. He was a sound ecologist long before ecology became a household word.

SPESSARD HOLLAND passed away quietly in his sleep after a relaxed afternoon spent with his family and friends at his home in Bartow, Fla. He spent his retirement days making himself available to friends and providing, when asked, his serene advice, drawn from this wisdom and his love of people.

I extend my deepest sympathy to his lovely wife, Mary, and to his two sons and two daughters, and their children.

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The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida [Mr. Sikes] to announce the death of a distinguished Member of Congress.

Mr. SIKES. Mr. Speaker, it is my sad duty to announce to the Members of the House the death of one of Florida's greatest leaders and one of its most beloved citizens, former Senator SPESSARD L. HOLLAND of Bartow. Senator HOLLAND died in his sleep late Saturday following a relaxed afternoon with family and friends. His passing was not unexpected. He had given up his seat in the Senate because of an increasingly serious heart condition which made it unwise for him to remain in public life. Nevertheless, Florida and the Nation have suffered a great loss. He was acclaimed as Florida's greatest living statesman and a man whose leadership and sage counsel will be sorely missed by the Nation to which he has contributed so very much. It was my high privilege to work closely with him through many years, beginning when he and I saw service together in the Florida Legislature. He was Florida's Governor during my early service in the Congress and he came here as United States Senator in 1946.

I think it can be said SPESSARD HOLLAND will never really leave those of us who knew and loved him. This gentle man from Polk County, Fla., gave of himself far above and beyond duty for each of his 79 years on an earth he helped shape and make better for his fellow men.

SPESSARD HOLLAND was, in every sense, a man without peer. He agonized for his Nation in war having seen the horrors of combat

as an observer with the Army Air Service in World War I. He met danger with bravery and a grateful Nation awarded him the Distinguished Service Cross for his military exploits.

He distinguished himself as a prosecuting attorney in his native county, later serving as county judge, as a State senator and then assuming the high office of Governor of Florida in 1941.

Elected to the U.S. Senate in 1946, SPESSARD HOLLAND remained in this work for 24 years, departing only last January after announcing that his health would no longer permit him to serve his country with the energy which he displayed so many years.

Even in retirement, SPESSARD HOLLAND was not idle. He continued to make himself available to his friends, providing when asked, wisdom and clarity of insight drawn from his role as a shaper of history and a man deeply concerned for mankind.

His personal dedication also set him apart from others.

His entire life revolved around his lovely and devoted wife, Mary, and she was almost constantly at his side, never complaining that the great mind which made SPESSARD HOLLAND such a valued man was so occupied with affairs of national and international importance.

SPESSARD HOLLAND showed a particular dedication in his associations with all those he served, whether as an elected representative of the people or as an adviser to the great and near great of America. He also was a deeply religious man and his dedication to his faith was shown in his constant support of his chosen church.

Those who stood proudly in his shadow, as many of us did, knew that here, in SPESSARD HOLLAND, was a brave yet gentle man, humble yet great, scholarly yet completely at home with the uneducated, an associate of the leaders of his age yet never too busy or too elevated to reach out to help all who needed him.

If this complicated, yet very simple man had a personal credo, it must have been to do what was right for all men everywhere.

Certainly he did just that for his State and his Nation, and he did it all with love for his fellow man. This I believe, was the foundation for his greatness.

Senator HOLLAND was 79, is survived by his wife; two sons, S. Lindsey Holland, Jr., and William B. Holland; and two daughters, Mrs. Mary Groover Lewis and Mrs. Ivanhoe Holland Craney; and 15 grandchildren.

Mrs. Sikes and I extend our deep and earnest sympathies to the bereaved. We too, have lost someone near and dear to us. Our association with SPESSARD and Mary Holland goes back through many happy years.

Mr. HALEY. Mr. Speaker, this is a sad day for all Floridians because we have lost our most distinguished citizen, SPESSARD L. HOLLAND. It is particularly a sad day for me because I have lost a dear friend of more than 40 years. We were friends in every sense. Mrs. Haley and I shared many warm experiences with Mary and SPESSARD HOLLAND during that lifetime of friendship.

Florida has had many native sons who were outstanding in public service, many who have brought great honor to our State, but none has ever outshone SPESSARD HOLLAND with his quiet dignity and the quality and degree of his service. He was proficient in every task he undertook. He was sound in his judgment. He was effective in his service as a county prosecutor, as a county judge, and as a State senator. History will judge him to have been one of the best Governors Florida ever had. Few States have been in such stable condition as Florida was at the close of the Holland administration. It was during this time that he was instrumental in persuading the Federal Government to establish the Everglades National Park, preserving for all Americans the tropical wilderness of the unique Everglades.

During the quarter of a century that SPESSARD HOLLAND served in the U.S. Senate, his accomplishments were many. He considered his greatest achievement the abolishment of the poll tax. Prior to coming to Washington he was the leader in the successful fight to abolish the poll tax in Florida. As a U.S. Senator he continued to fight the practice of requiring the voters to pay a tax as a qualification to vote in a Federal election. Thus, in 1962, he became the father of the 24th amendment to the U.S. Constitution by which the poll tax was abolished.

In the 25 years he served in the Senate, he became a great power and he used that power for what he considered to be best for all the people of our Nation. He was respected by all who served with him. He added strength to any cause he espoused. He was esteemed also as a worthy adversary.

He served our Nation also in time of war. He was decorated for valor as a result of his courageous efforts as a flying ace in World

War I when he was one of the small, brave band of men of the original Army Air Corps.

Mrs. Haley and I share the grief of his family and we mourn their loss. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his loyal and devoted wife, Mary, to their sons, Lindsey and William, and their daughters, Mary Groover and Ivanhoe.

Mr. PEPPER. Mr. Speaker, I thank my distinguished dean and colleague for yielding to me.

I want to associate myself with the lament which the gentleman has uttered on the passing of our former beloved colleague, Senator SPESSARD L. HOLLAND. I had the honor of serving 5 years in the other body with Senator HOLLAND, and I have known him for 35 or 40 years on the basis of very warm friendship.

In 1940 my then colleague in the other body and I recommended him for a high position in Florida, but he told us he had already committed himself to run for the office of Governor and preferred to go ahead with that. He could have had many other honors, but he did not choose to accept.

He had a great record in the military service of his country, gaining the distinction of earning the Distinguished Service Cross in World War I.

He was a man of unusual success in politics because of his character, his competence, and his dedication to public duty. Starting with the position of prosecuting attorney in his county of Polk and as county judge and going up through the legislature to Governor of the State of Florida and for four terms in the U.S. Senate, he distinguished himself in public office.

All through his career he exemplified honor and was the symbol of integrity. He was a man who had great personal charm and beauty of spirit. The State of Florida and our country are indeed poorer that this great and good man has passed on.

My wife and I join in extending our deepest sympathy to the bereaved.

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I have known SPESSARD LINDSEY HOLLAND for just about since I was born. He was a distinguished scholar and statesman and soldier. He was also a distinguished family man.

He contributed a great deal to the State of Florida and to his own community of Bartow in Polk County, Fla., and even more than that to this United States.

He was a vigorous man all of his life. I had an opportunity to be with him just 2 weeks ago. I was happy to see him then alert, alive, and very energetic, as he had always been while he was here in the U.S. Senate.

I join with the other Members of the House in mourning his passing.

Mr. FASCELL. Mr. Speaker, the people of the United States and the State of Florida have lost one of the country's most distinguished statesmen. The death of Senator SPESSARD L. HOLLAND marks the end of a long career devoted to public service.

The Senator's 50 years of illustrious public service began as county judge in Bartow, Fla., and spanned the governorship of our State and 24 years in the U.S. Senate. His service was exemplified by his great courage, his deep convictions, and his sincere sympathy for the problems of others. SPESSARD consistently responded with encouragement and assistance to any plea from his constituents, his colleagues, or other friends for aid.

The quality which Senator HOLLAND thought most important in Government, and that which more than any other characterized his service, was integrity. His actions throughout his governmental service were always marked by their unquestionable honesty, and keen sense of justice.

The benchmarks of Senator HOLLAND's talent will remain in history. There are many, but two are particularly outstanding: His leadership in the movement which abolished the discriminatory poll tax, and his role in the Tidelands case.

It was a unique experience and an invaluable one to serve with the Senator in the Florida delegation. His skill as a legislator and his knowledge of government were unsurpassed, and his judgment unfailingly accurate. His guidance and assistance throughout my congressional career, both personally and in congressional matters, were invaluable. SPESSARD's death is a great personal loss for me.

Mrs. Fascell and I share the grief of his lovely wife, Mary, and his family, and we extend our deepest sympathy.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join the others here in paying tribute to Senator SPESSARD HOLLAND.

His record of public service to the people of Florida and the people of America earned him the love, admiration, and respect of all the people of Florida. Their feeling toward him had no party line.

Like Mr. Gibbons, the gentleman from Florida, I had the privilege 2 weeks ago of sitting by his side while we had lunch in the University of Florida homecoming celebration.

I can say to you that even at that late point in his life his concern was for the people of America and what was good for our great Nation.

I am sure that every American, had they had the opportunity to know him as we have, would mourn his passing.

Mr. MAHON. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from Florida, SPESSARD L. HOLLAND, was a distinguished American. He made a great contribution to his State and to the Nation. I am pleased to join with others in paying tribute to the memory of a distinguished American and in extending sympathy to those of his family who survive.

Through the years I worked closely with Senator HOLLAND on appropriation bills. He was broad gaged and farseeing. He had an abiding love of country and he manifested that love in the legislative record which he wrote during his long and outstanding career in the United States Congress.

Mr. BURKE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I have known Senator SPESSARD L. HOLLAND since 1949. And I have known how he felt on various issues. He has been a strong conservative voice in the U.S. Senate. He was an outstanding leader long before he got into politics, having won the Distinguished Service Cross in World War I.

He has not only been a great American, but he served as the Governor of the great State of Florida with great distinction. He served well in all capacities of life. He was a strong conservative. He was one of the few Governors of my State who left it with a surplus rather than a deficit.

Mr. Speaker, I feel indeed sorry that the Senator has passed away. Age, of course, will take us all, but I think SPESSARD HOLLAND left something to the people of the State of Florida besides a name that the people will cherish. He worked for the poor as well as the rich. He was, in my opinion, and as history will show, one of

our country's greatest statesmen and certainly one of the greatest that ever was produced by the State of Florida.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my most sincere and heartfelt sympathy to his widow and to his family.

Mr. SISK. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join with my colleagues from Florida and other Members of the House in mourning the passing of a great American.

I particularly take this time, Mr. Speaker, to compliment the life and works and efforts made by the very able and distinguished Senator from Florida. I say this, because we in California have many times referred to Senator HOLLAND as the third Senator from California. This is not meant to in any way take away from the people of the State of Florida the many contributions which he made to that great State, but to indicate the fact that we in California have so deeply appreciated the great work that Senator HOLLAND has performed as a good soldier in the ranks.

Mr. Speaker, I join in mourning his passing. He was indeed a personal friend of mine. I appreciate the opportunity I had to know him and to work with him.

On behalf of my wife and I, I join with my other colleagues in expressing our deepest sympathy to his family.

Mr. ROGERS. Mr. Speaker, the State of Florida and our Nation have lost a dedicated American with the passing of former U.S. Senator SPESSARD L. HOLLAND who died at his home of a heart attack on Saturday, November 6, at the age of 79.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND gave over a half-century of his life to public service, as a prosecutor, judge, State representative, Governor, and U.S. Senator. He was a premier statesman, always mindful of the public trust given to him and dedicated to his job, his constituents, and the preservation of the American ideals we so often take for granted.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND was a dedicated conservationist when the word "ecology" was not a household word. His initial and continuing efforts were responsible for the creation, and later expansion, of the Everglades National Park, a unique combination of flora and fauna in the southwest portion of the State of Florida.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND was an advocate of agriculture, having been raised in a rural environment. He was mindful of the worth of the

soil, its products, and its future capacity to meet the needs of the American people.

But, above all, SPESSARD L. HOLLAND was an American, dedicated to the strength of independence of this great Nation of ours, and a defender of her in times of despair and challenge, at home and abroad. He has been missed in the U.S. Senate since his retirement at the end of the 91st Congress, and he will be missed now, more than ever, because we have lost his wisdom, his knowledge, and his guidance.

My mother and father were close friends of SPESSARD and Mary Holland, particularly during the days when my father served in the House of Representatives while SPESSARD was in the U.S. Senate.

My mother, my wife, Becky, and I extend to SPESSARD's beloved wife, Mary, and to their children, Lindsey, Mary Groover, Billy Ben, and Ivanhoe, our deepest condolences at his passing, but we trust they will, as we do, take deep satisfaction at his full life of dedicated public service.

Mr. CHAPPELL. Mr. Speaker, this week, America lost a great statesman, Senator SPESSARD HOLLAND. Reaching back over the span of half a century, a neighborhood, a county, a State, and finally a nation and indeed the world, was beneficiary of the tireless work of this illustrious servant of the people. Today we all pay tribute to him and for his contributions to the Nation.

Though he retired from office last year, Senator HOLLAND carried the burden of leadership on with him into retirement. Always he exhibited those traits that cause people to turn to him for the guidance, the stability, and the hope that a people need so often.

Mr. Speaker, our hearts and our compassion reach out to his beloved Mary who stood side-by-side with him in his long years of service to this Nation. How greatly will our Senator be missed as America continues to wrestle with the many problems the Nation faces, but we know that his accomplishments, his abilities, his gracious attitude, and his dreams for America will live on and on as an inspiration to those who follow.

As we honor the life and contributions of this great man today, let us all, Mr. Speaker, determine more than ever to live up to his ideals and work harder than ever to accomplish his dreams.

Mr. FUQUA. Mr. Speaker, an era has ended.

SPESSARD LINDSEY HOLLAND passed away quietly in his sleep this weekend and this afternoon, the greatest statesman in the history of my State will be laid to rest.

No tribute could adequately express my personal admiration for Senator HOLLAND and I feel I speak for Floridians everywhere in saying this "was indeed our finest."

Born 79 years ago in Bartow, Fla., he served with distinction in our armed services in France in World War I, before being elected prosecuting attorney, county judge, and State senator for two terms.

His career of public service in office was to cover nearly half a century. Even today, many years since he served in the Florida Senate, what he did and what he stood for there serves as a high watermark. It was part of his life that whatever he did, he did well, and whatever he attempted, integrity was the most important ingredient.

He was elected our Governor and served during the critical World War II period and again his administration set new standards.

Florida turned to him again in nominating him to the U.S. Senate in 1946. Gov. Millard Caldwell appointed him to succeed the late Charles O. Andrews in that position on September 25 of that year.

It is this period for which Senator HOLLAND will be most remembered. President Johnson once called him one of the six most powerful Senators. He was that and more.

Senator HOLLAND was not a headline seeker—rather he was a workhorse. It was SPESSARD HOLLAND that men in the Senate turned to for advice and counsel, for they knew that one thing mattered more to him than anything else—that was personal integrity.

I could not recount the times that I have gone to Senator HOLLAND for advice. He was never too busy to try to help all who came to him, no matter what their station in life.

Today as his funeral is held, I cannot be with the family. This saddens me deeply.

A critical vote is coming up on the floor of the House. If Senator HOLLAND were here, he would say that I should "tend to my duty" in representing the people he served so ably and well.

To his wife, Mary, and his family, I extend my deepest sympathy.

The flag of Florida flies at half mast in memory of its most distinguished citizen. The hearts of all Floridians are filled with sorrow

at his passing—but in a sense of tremendous pride that he was able to serve us for so long—and so well.

"Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

You will be deeply missed by those you leave behind.

Mr. WHITTEN. Mr. Speaker, I concur with my colleagues in expressing my sincere sorrow at the passing of the late Senator SPESSARD HOLLAND.

It was my privilege to serve with him on the Appropriations Committee, he in the Senate. During this period we served on many conferences.

Mr. Speaker, I have never known a man of finer character, greater integrity, able, studious, and fine.

I shall always treasure my association with Senator HOLLAND, whose influence on those around, on the Senate and House and for the good of the Nation—will last on and on.

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. Speaker, this country has never lost a greater statesman than the late Senator SPESSARD HOLLAND; and I have never lost a truer friend.

The Senator, the son of a Confederate soldier, was the man of courage in Congress, as he was a hero on the battlefields of Europe in World War I, when he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. As Governor of Florida, and later as Senator here, he displayed the finest traits of manly character and leadership. Moreover, he was a man of compassion, which he showed in his legislative achievements and in his daily relationships with others.

His greatness will long live after him in the inspiration that he gave to those who knew him and of him. I am sure that we all join here today in sending to his lovely Mary and their fine children our deepest sympathy and our affectionate love.

Mr. FREY. Mr. Speaker, this Nation has lost a great American with the passing of Senator SPESSARD L. HOLLAND. Florida has lost its most outstanding public official since it became a State.

Senator HOLLAND was in every sense a gentleman. There never was any question of his integrity, his dedication, or his deep belief in working to make this country better. Much has been and will be written about his legislative accomplishments. This is indeed fit and proper. But what helped distinguish Senator HOLLAND from many

other people is the fact that he would always do a little more, go a little farther, and be available to help whenever needed. This became especially apparent when I was elected to the 91st Congress. The Senator and his office went out of their way time and time again to help me out. In areas of importance to my district or to Florida, the Senator would be in there fighting, not giving mere lipservice.

It is extremely difficult to put into words my feeling and, I think, that of the people of Florida for the Senator. There is no question he was revered, respected, and loved. I am glad that these sentiments were conveyed to him during his lifetime. I know that I had the opportunity personally to do so and took full advantage of it. We extend our sorrow, sympathies, and prayers to the Senator's wife and family. While Senator HOLLAND is no longer with us, the things he believed in and stood for will never die.

Mr. ROONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I was saddened to learn of the passing of the Honorable SPESSARD L. HOLLAND, who for almost a quarter of a century so ably represented the people of Florida in the U.S. Senate. Senator HOLLAND served on the Senate Appropriations Committee and over the course of the years we had many a discussion at House-Senate conference meetings. We did not always agree on things, yet we became good friends and I had nothing but respect and admiration for SPESSARD HOLLAND. He was a man who spent his entire life in public service, first as county prosecutor, as a judge, as a member of the Florida State Senate, as Governor of Florida, and for 24 years as Senator from Florida, leaving the other body finally, because of ill health. He was a gentle but forceful man, a dedicated man, a man with many friends. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

To his lovely wife and family I extend my deepest smpathy.

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